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LOK SABHA

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RELIEF TO FARMERS HIT BY NATURAL CALAMITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any budgetary provisions to provide relief to the farmers hit by natural calamities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): Financial assistance in the wake of natural calamities, including assistance to the affected farmers, is provided under the schemes of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF). Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal Ministry for overseeing the operation of both CRF and NCCF schemes. Ministry of Home Affairs have informed that the budget heads of both CRF and NCCF are held and operated by the Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure). Department of Expenditure have informed that necessary provision has been made in the budget estimates of 2007-08 for both the schemes. The provision for both the schemes, inter-alia, includes assistance for farmers affected by natural calamities, in accordance with the extant items and norms of expenditure for assistance from CRF and NCCF.